

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/752,813

Examiner

Phuong Phu

Applicant(s)

JENSEN ET AL.

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment filed on 12/12/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-5, 8-16 and 18-24.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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Paper No./Mail Date _____ | 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
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of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1. This Office Action is responsive to the Amendment filed on 12/12/05.
2. Claims 1-5, 8-16 and 18-24 are allowed.
3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

References 5333194, 4203012, 4004109 and 4300023 are cited because they are pertinent to the claimed invention.

-Regarding to independent claim 1, none of prior art of record teaches or suggests an apparatus for receiving data, as claimed. Aoki et al (6,236,696) discloses the claimed invention except that he fails to teach a claimed feature in which a plurality of current sources form differential pairs to convert a differential voltage corresponding to communications of a communication circuit with an edge processor into a differential current. It would not have been obvious for one skilled in the art to implement Aoki et al in view of other prior art of record for leading such the implementation to the claimed invention.

-Regarding to independent claims 8 and 11, none of prior art of record teaches or suggests an apparatus, as claimed. Aoki et al discloses the claimed invention except that he fails to teach a claimed feature in which a plurality of current sources is coupled to an edge-based receiver and converts a plurality of differential voltages into a plurality of differential currents and a plurality of resistors coupled to each of the differential pairs to sum said differential currents to yield a single differential load.. It would not have been obvious for one skilled in the art to implement Aoki et al in view of other prior art of record for leading such the implementation to the claimed invention.

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-Regarding to independent claims 19 and 22, none of prior art of record teaches or suggests the method, as claimed. Aoki et al discloses the claimed invention except that he fails to teach a claimed feature comprising procedures of converting a plurality of differential voltages in a plurality of differential pairs into a plurality of differential currents and summing the plurality of differential currents to yield a single differential load. It would not have been obvious for one skilled in the art to implement Aoki et al in view of other prior art of record for leading such the implementation to the claimed invention.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Phuong Phu whose telephone number is 571-272-3009. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (6:30-2:30).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mohammad Ghayour can be reached on 571-272-3021. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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